

expire in a picturesque anditure.

ets of evil who mourn over the coming and inevitable downfall of the Babylonians of op, might in like manner cease from their gloomy predictions, to instruct the world how to dignify, a fate which they aver, al exertions can frustrate or the result of the "Gospel according to Carlyle," the despairing life incited by mophers and satirists, the hopeless of the greatest of modern dialects?

"Doubt is the beginning and all our efforts to know, and the of human wisdom is only a s. What we know, is as nothing now not?" This, and a belief like lenius tempered with scorn, in tant and a silent acquiescence in they are, is what modern philo brought us to. To saunter like a non-dancing man at a into a quadrille or a cotillion crest, in his intricate figures or its many whirl; or to wait on her impelled partly by curiosity may come next, and partly per his cab has not yet come; to and smile and sneer at the inly of those who find an in pursue an object in life; to the door of the church and only others enter there; to, "not upon the water."

should grate the Golden end and result of the modern of Life. Well might the old quire:

"Quid ultra tendis?"

etically speaking, all the religion of the ancient world, the glory that was Greece

l the grandeur that was Rome,

in suicide, le dernier mo the great end and result of sought, seems to consist in an of evils over which we say that no conquest, in the dry deince, a blind worship of a lifeless or an effeminate and girlish peace and rest.

down a tired child,

away the life of care,

have borne and still bear it

of Shelly, and it is a lament many an echo in the present

odge in some vast wilderness, less contiguity of shade.

we welcome now, unless thronged abizing admirers, and would only as a place appropriate to and querulous wailing and com one of her most charming let Mary Worley Montagu suggests not should be taken out of indents and clapped into the e, in the 19th century effect a less it hardly less perverse an altera the world has from the time of, on downwards, been a gigantic life is a mistake, a comedy, often a tragedy of errors; that blunder, manhood a struggle, old these are the main features of our modern creed, Atha- its hopelessness and severity.

nturies have passed since, from

sunny Judgean Fishpools,

of Israel announced the doctrine now the keystone of the belief of society, Vainant!

and sombre perhaps even when rightest, listlessness and apathy dinary virtues after all, and there fraction of truth in the idea that we live on for curiosities' sake yet we know not what. It is also a we had no option about being this world at all. We simply one, morning from nonentity to

ence and it is probable enough he choice been offered, and the of life revealed; that the major still have slumbered on in obli-

er the joys these hours have seen, ent day the sun from anguish free; know whatever thou hast been something better not to be."

we are not consulted however and we are here. It is therefore, surely we should make the best of it, on raving and cutting literary

We have no ability to try any stence, and I have an enduring

any such attempt would result in the of the frying-pan for the fire, id is really nothing but a frying

ended over a gulf of eternal con- so let us beat out probationary as dignified and manly a way as

hoping that when our turn may be shall be served up (and even be

the trunk of which are made the knot- ed sticks sold by Chinese peddlars to English

sailors as tea-tree sticks.

1st day, Shing-hing to San-kiu, 50 li;

2nd ", San-kiu to Ju-ku, 30 li;

3rd ", Ju-ku to Che-kuam, 20 li;

4th ", Che-kuam to Tung-hau, 15 li.

At Tung-hau the Szechuan stream

into two branches, thus intervening

forming an inverted delta of level ground, probably ten miles in extent, with Tung-hau at its apex. The Western stream is still

used for purposes of navigation, and is said to pass several market towns until it reaches, at a distance of 100 li* from

Tung-hau, the town of Ebtou, which gives

the name to the Hotau boats of Canton, not because they are built there, but be-

cause they were originally brought into use, and are still chiefly owned and manned, by people from that neighbourhood. The

Western stream is crossed by means of a ferry close to Tung-hau, in continuation of the Government Road which leads from Shing-hing, thus past Tung-hau, then crosses the Eastern branch by a bridge of some 300 or 400 feet in length, and is continued to Linchau on the seaboard nearly opposite Hainan. This road, and one by Tanping, form the usual routes from Linchau to Canton, but the latter is now in general disuse owing to the feuds which rage in the country through which it passes. The Eastern branch does not appear to be used for purposes of navigation; no one there fore seems to know whether it leads; there is evidence however of plenty of water in summer though now (January) the smallest canoe would not find a passage deep enough

" Beware of the woman who cannot bear for her stormy inherent life, or song" — and the remark erhaps admit of wider application as author deemed. How essential

ity of truth or doctrine are dis-

pute, is shown in that noble

tract of wills "On Liberty," His-

and experience combine to show doctrine ceases to convert or gain

as soon as the doctrine which

provoked the struggle is recognized as true; and hence perhaps it is that patriots and reformers show in fairest colours when their cause is unaged, when they are still astrag- gling minority chiefly called upon to suffer.

A CORRESPONDENT has very kindly favoured us with the following notes of an excursion he has lately made into the Kwang-tung Province.

EXCURSION INTO THE KWANG-TUNG PROVINCE.

The Samking stream joins the West River, between the two pagodas immediately opposite Shinhing-fu, a strong current runs down to half-a-mile from its mouth, where the water commingles with that which is kept back by the higher level of the West River. For the first 30 or 40 li the stream is deep, and passes on both sides close to the foot of hills 500 or 600 feet high, the concave sides of the curvatures however interesting on the route, which may be either walked or done in miserable mat-closed bamboo chairs, which are awkwardly carried on one shoulder by three bearers who seem to stagger under the load, and do their work so much worse than Canton bearers, as to inspire the unininitiated with a constant dread of being thrown out.

Sam-hing city bears resemblances to that of San-shui; its low walls are scarcely a mile in circuit, there are no guns or other signs of preparation for defence upon them, and the road on the top is so crumpled as to afford no secure footing for men behind the parapet. It is pierced with five gates, the North, South, East, West and Literature Gates, the last, and the South being within 50 yards of each other. The only suburbs are on the South side, and they consist of a score of ancestral halls, and a street half a mile in length of small houses. Within the city the usual space is occupied by official buildings, there are many ancestral halls, and very much space is occupied by fish ponds, which at this dry season of the year are anything but pleasant to look at, the water having a greasy green appearance, but the charitable have started a soup kitchen which is well supported, and has already afforded a very considerable amount of relief.

From SHANGHAI there is no news of particular importance. The Chinese New Year has passed off quietly, and there has been less crime than usual. The Messengers Company are proposing to build wharves which, if constructed will be of great service to the steamers.

The Baroda arrived on the 21st with the P. & O. mails, but brought no particular news immediately affecting the welfare of the Colony except the orders relative to the troops. We have discussed the subject at length in our leading columns, to which we refer our readers.

Some articles which appeared in the last issue of the London and China Express on the supposed arrival of Sir R. Alcock at Peking, and the still more supposititious dismissal of Mr HARR the Inspector General of Customs, have deservedly led to some severe comments on the inexactitude of the Conductor of that paper, by the local press.

The latest news from FUCHAU we take from the North China Daily News, February 23d, which states that on the 22nd ultimo the foreign residents at that port held a series of pony races at the Tartar parade ground near the native city. The day was spent so pleasantly that it was decided at a meeting held subsequently, that regular races should be held on the 12th instant.

To this novel event the foreign and native communities were looking forward with great impatience, and the scheme promised to prove most successful. Kum-chong,

One of the Chinese agents of the French Emigration House (Solares) at Canton has a house here, indicated by posting at the door one of those bills which are seen in the Canton streets informing the people, that slavery is not tolerated in that Island. They do not appear to engage, openly at least, many people; but the president of the College, an elderly man of the rank of kuan, states as a matter requiring no concealment, that last year the late magistrate (Cheuk) sent or allowed to be sent thousand able-bodied Hakkas to be sold as slaves; and thus expressed his opinion that this course was wise and proper, because it released the country of 1,000 malcontents, and saved the lives of 1,000 fellow men; the operation, he added, received a check from the indignant opposition of the Hakkas at thus having wives and families left destitute. Similar acknowledgements were made by Wong, in allusion to his tenor of office in the Hock-shan and I endeavoured to shew the short-sightedness of the view by the argument that such a one in the city, only boys following, and they in hilarity of spirits are a little noisy; no doubt the officials previously warned the people to observe due decorum. Cash are dear, a dollar only producing 800, and though the provisions are nominally cheaper, this cost of the cash brings them to about the same price as at Canton. San-hing has its gambling houses and low-built houses; the central street is paved with granite, and the others with bricks laid edgewise. Pigs feed in the streets, and the inhabitants have a poor appearance; not one is to be seen (except the Yamun Secretaries, &c.), wearing a long coat, and this forms subject for railing to the Cantonese. 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